

MARYLAND MILITARY INSTALLATION COUNCIL

Monday, October 28, 2019 0830 – 1130

100 Community Place, Crownsville

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 AM.

Welcome and Introductions

Lisa Swoboda, Senior Director of Office of Military & Federal Affairs provided the review of agenda and welcome. She gave a review of pressing issues and current or pending impacts to military missions in Maryland, to include partnerships with our bases and alliances.

-Introduction of new MMIC council members, including Dr. Tim Arcano. In absentia: Mary Delaney James, former delegate, Steve Waugh, and Senator Will Smith.

-Welcome of new base leadership: COL Druell (APG), COL Nunnally (Ft. Detrick) and Captain Swaskerk (US CGY Baltimore).

-Welcome and introduction of **Kelly Schulz, Secretary MD Department of Commerce**.

Kelly thanked current and past service members, and mentioned her visits to jurisdictions in Maryland. Addressed moving OMFA to report to Business Development and Supporting Industry in Commerce, including export assistance. Kelly also discussed the economic impact of military on the State's economy.

-Acknowledgement of congressional staff members in the room.

8:50 am

Keynote Speaker

Lisa introduced Keynote speaker **MG Omar Jones IV, Commander, Military District Washington**. (See bio).

-MG Jones thanked the attendees and noted his connection with Maryland, growing up in Howard County. He currently lives in Ellicott City and has a lot of family in the area. He thanked those who represent local government for their hard work.

-As Head of Joint Force National Capital Region, MG Jones is responsible for active duty responders for incidents in DC, including DoD, to support local jurisdictions and authorities. So he is involved with thinking about and planning for doomsday events. He invests in partnerships, from federal down to local as a part of this job to be ready to respond if needed. He recognized readiness of military in the National Capital Region and recognized garrison commanders and their hard work.

-MG Jones assumes a mission to connect US Citizens to the Army and vice versa, making connections with the community so that the installations are a part of the local community. His team handled the military recognition day parade, escorted George W Bush at his father's funeral, provided

color guard at Veterans Day events, and more. He looks for opportunities to connect military with Maryland residents, similar to what we do through MMIC, and asks for opportunities to do so.

-He serves as the Senior Commander managing Ft. Meade, Ft. McNair, Ft. Belvoir, Ft. Myers , a new base in Charlottesville, and more installations. Assets at these bases and those in Maryland are supporting missions that are happening right now across the world.

-There is a lot of Maryland representation in military leadership – not just from good schools but from a commitment to public service. He recognized the excellence of military academies and that military service, ROTC, military academies are an option for young people/students for public service.

-MG Jones asked audience to get to know military neighbors, if you live near an installation, and get to know their families. Also to hire military veterans and to provide them with opportunities.

Audience members asked questions of MG Jones:

Q: The Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training (MCVET) gave an invitation to MG Jones to come visit.

Q: Sabrina Hecht asked what MG Jones and leadership is doing to modernize and renovate the old buildings on military bases.

A: MG Jones recognized that renovations are needed, but there are priorities that leadership makes to ensure installations are safe and usable and prepared to do their mission. A significant challenge. Need to invest in people first and foremost in order to do their jobs.

Q: Gail Kenson mentioned the impact of climate change and how it is impacting their installations and how to protect those installations, like Naval Academy and others that will soon be underwater, if they aren't already experiencing it. What planning is the military doing?

A: MG Jones recognizes it's a problem and that it is happening at the installations he is managing. There are serious effects from flooding that will mean integrating plans into mitigating those challenges through modernization and readiness preparation.

Q: Howard County representative mentioned a town hall meeting related to downtown Ellicott City flooding.

Q: Lisa asked about the new Army Future Commands in the Army and what that will mean for Maryland.

A: MG Jones gave an overview of what Futures Command is and what its purpose is. Looking at installations as a critical part of Army mission. Increase emphasis and support to Maryland installations. Emphasis in modernization and future combat capability. Technology changes quickly and the Army is trying to keep up.

9:20 AM

Supporting Maryland's Military Children Panel

Mary Gable, Assistant State Superintendent, MSDE; Maryland Interstate Compact Commissioner
Horace Perkins, Regional School Liaison Officer (SLO), Naval District of Washington

Mary Gable's presentation:

The Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children is an agreement among states to alleviate many of the school transition problems military families' encounter. Maryland was one of 11 states that started this compact. Now all 50 states and the District of Columbia are now members of the Compact. It covers military, including active duty members, retired for one year, and military service disabled veterans.

The Compact works between receiving and sending schools to handle the transition of records. The Compact impacts immunization, enrollment age for kindergarten and first grade, academic placement, absences and sports – specifically the date of entrance. Receiving state may have different academic expectations which can affect the student's assessment exams and graduation. It works to make sure that the student can receive their diploma on time. The Commission members can assist with issues, but cannot make those issues go away. Certain issues are controlled by a local school district. Ms. Gable requested that the Installation Commanders let their transferring members know about this Compact.

Q: APG Garrison Commander said that a spouse of a senior official brought up that they did not have representation on school board to bring up military concerns with schools. Are there other jurisdictions that do have military representation on their boards, and if so, how do we go about doing that?

A: Ms. Gable: School boards are a local function, and all jurisdictions different.

Q: Will a receiving school accept a physicals from another state?

A: Ms. Gable: This is also a local decision. The Maryland Association of Secondary Schools' athletic division works with local school system, however, nothing in the compact addresses this.

Q: Guam, Puerto Rico are ex-officio members of the interstate compact. Overseas schools have issues with transferring credits, because local school districts (receiving) have to treat them like foreign nationals.

Horace Franklin's presentation:

Currently there are 20,000 military school aged children that fall under the interstate compact. The Compact removes many obstacles that prevent children from graduating, like prerequisites, but not all of them. School Liaison Officers (SLOs) are the boots on the ground people that supports the children under the compact.

Q: Chad Jones – How many requests from service members regarding school of choice?

A: Maryland schools are tied to residency and recommends the service member look at the schools in the area where they live.

Q: What is the breakdown of those states that do offer school choice versus those that don't?

A: School district preference is a local decision.

Q: Does the Compact cover private schools?

A: No, it only covers public schools. Be careful when looking at homeschool provider so that the components are aligned with the standard. This could affect the student when trying to transition to college based on requirements for entry.

Q: Military holidays are not the same as school district holidays, and it puts military families at disadvantage, because they have to schedule childcare.

A: State boards are given 180 school days, including planning days, etc. Developing the calendars are a public meeting and SLOs do advocate for synergy.

SMART PROC Information

Deborah Burrell spoke briefly about the SMART PROC government procurement conference taking place in Frederick on Nov. 18th and 19th. The conference is sponsored by Strengthening the Mid-Atlantic Region for Tomorrow (SMART)

Break at 10:07 AM and the return at 10:20 AM

Partnerships with the University of Maryland System

Tom Sadowski, USM Vice Chancellor of Economic Development

There are 175,000 students and 12 campuses in the University of Maryland System. The System has three research institutions and they collaborate with federal partners on commercially relevant technologies. They have a partnership with the Army Research Lab on high performance computing, artificial intelligence and materials, plus partnerships to leverage technology development. There is a need to collaborate more w/industry. USM has 59% of fed R & D spending, \$1.4B in sponsored R & D program at USM, with an average of 120 start-ups every 1 year. Most from IP being developed at the University: HPC, material science, additive manufacturing, AI/machine learning, quantum physics.

Statewide Joint Land Use Update

Jennifer White, Grants Program Manager, Office of Military Affairs, Maryland Department of Commerce

Presented on the status of the state's Compatible Land Use project. This included an overview of activities that have taken place since the last meeting, including the coordination of a Statewide Joint Land Use Implementation committee that has met four times since July to begin formulating a scope of work for funding. The project will likely include staffing and contractual support to fund activities related to improving communication/coordination between military, state, and communities; a technical assistance guidebook and website for local communities on military-civilian compatible use; and an alternative energy siting project for solar and wind siting projects.

Installation Commander Updates

Aberdeen Proving Ground – COL Timothy Druell

- Commander for four months. Appropriations for all funding for 2020, not line item for Blossom Point.

- Focus is on inside the gate – families, workforce and infrastructure. Funding is aligned with priorities. Has 3,200 assets on base. 79% of funding is focused on sustainment.
- APG has 16 MILCOM projects (funded in 2026 or finished?) Demolition projects: 63 contaminated buildings are planned for the next 10 years.
- Chem Bio Center project coming online.
- ½ Billion dollar budget; leads to more opp. To bring in new opportunities.
- 144 miles coastline – looking to Environmental Impact and funding to sustain.
- Emphasis on people – a priority with Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Army
- Looking at the future of Edgewood.
- Studying environmental impact effects 144 miles of coastline, teamed with 45 environmental scientists.
- Adelphi alignment to cover Garrison support to be fully funded to support in FY 2020.

Fort Meade – COL Erich Spragg

- Army priorities are readiness, modernization and reform, and sustainability. COL Spragg has seven quality of life priorities;
 1. Housing – a crisis – barracks - quality and capacity. Garrison has no control over these challenges which presents issues to service members
 2. Access to world class health care – suicides are at a five year high. Kimbro ambulatory is at capacity.
 3. Child development centers, the need is exceeding capacity. They are working with State and MMIC on this issue.
 4. Spousal employment.
 5. Ease change of station; make those moves easier for families.
 6. Barracks – quality and capacity issue, \$55M yr. spent to send young soldiers to live off post b/c capacity in barracks not there.
 7. Healthcare – access to:
 - 5 yr. high for suicides
 - Capacity issue at Kimbrough – built to support Army but support all services at Joint base.
 - Childcare dev centers/after school programs/quality of schools. PCS packets! Get more knowing about services of compact before the move.
 - 175 improvements – thanks to SHA – looks good.
 - Fort Meade Community Covenant Council meeting on November 7th, with Covenant signing.

Fort Detrick – COL Dexter Nunnally

- Number one issue is quality of life – housing. They have housing in Montgomery County, Glen Haven, where there is a security issue. He would like to see officers show their presence. He has reached out to the Montgomery County Executive, but has not been able to connect.
- The second issue is the water problem and aging infrastructure. They have a pilot program to have housing install in-home and in-line filters. It will cost \$9.9 million to repair the water infrastructure.
- Will have active shooter and cybersecurity exercises in July 2020.

Maryland National Guard – BG Flasch

- Has services to help prepare National Guard service members for deployment; partnerships are key, with private sector partners.
- MDNG has stood up the Military Intelligence Brigade, the NSA is the lead. The National Guard service members need cyber clearances and they can provide on the job training to work toward clearances. This is a means to have more cleared personnel in the private sector. National Guard is the lead Agency of the National Partnership program.
- Looking for opportunities to partner with installations to respond when needed to crises, along with MEMA.
- Building a readiness center. MD Dept. of General Services is the contracting agency. The center will cost \$50 million.
- Partnership w/ARL – Balkan hosted Cyber forum w/ARL.
- Procure contracts thru MD DGS to partner w/MD businesses.
- Approx. 6,000 in MD Guard.
- Security clearance issue there in training employees alongside installation partners.

Joint Base Andrews – Col. Purath

- Infrastructure issues are the same. The child development center project's funding was diverted to the Wall but Senator Cardin and Congressman Brown are attempting to reinstate it.
- JBA has a strong effort to get out to the community. This year's airshow had 9,000 people attend, in addition to 8,000 children attending the STEM events.
- In the Spring there will be another large STEM event.
- New Commander of the Air Force takes a regional approach. AFCW commander has two wings and two installations under his purview and has been able to demonstrate support from the State (e.g. spousal reciprocity).
- The commissary donated \$100,000 meals. On January 1 service-disabled veterans will have access to the commissary and JBA facilities.
- There are 60,000 veterans allowed on base, and have a service-related disability.

Coast Guard Yard – CAPT Vincent Skwarek

- The number one issue is facility infrastructure
 1. The contract for the construction of the ship lift is on the street. The RFPs are due the end of November.
 2. The dry dock (is or will be) overhauled for 154 ft. cutters - 100 jobs expected as a result of this activity
 3. 360 ft. cutters will replace the existing fleet and the Coast Guard Yard be part of the effort to construct these ships. Needs infrastructure to meet this need.
- The workforce focus is on vocational education and apprenticeships, and they work with local schools. Also there is a great need for ship-fitters.
- The other number one issue is the offshore patrol cutter – big deal. #2 – USN Asst. Secretary Geurtz: outreach to community and academia, and speed up acquisitions.

Patuxent Naval Air Station – LCDR Barbazon

- Has meeting with County Commissioners about encroachment.
- Will have the focus on Air Installations Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ) and safety zones.
- Moving barracks out of the AICUZ zone.
- Readiness and Environmental Protection (REPI) program has led to 10,000 acres being protected, most of these properties are in Maryland.

- Has 375 active construction projects and are looking for partnerships/Inter-Government Service Agreements (IGSAs) with the County and local government.

Carderock – CAPT Cedric McNeal, and Dave Drazer, Chief Technology Officer

- 2,300 employees.
- Assistant Director of the Navy set up NavalX to become more agile, including Tech Bridges. The operation is ship design and submarine design. Has 80 year old infrastructure. Tech Bridges has five locations with the HQ in Arlington, VA. There is talk to have a site in Maryland.
- Showed a map of Navy investments in Maryland, including Technology Bridge that connects large and small industry, academia, government, etc. DIU, Afwerxs, Sofwerxs – slightly different initiatives. This ecosystem supports academia and small businesses. T2 Activities: Have 100 + CRADAs, EPAs Patents, PIAs, resulting in \$12 million in activity. Have high school interns.

NSA Annapolis – Brian Kelm, Deputy Commanding Officer

- Spoke about sea level rise and the executive level actions that are being undertaken to prepare a plan to mitigate it.
- He also said that the MWR Cottages on NSA Annapolis are available to rent.

State Agency and Military Alliance President Remarks

Southern Maryland Naval Alliance - Tim Heely

- Focused on workforce development and students that do not need college degrees.

Military Alliance Council (MAC) Ed Holland

- Collaborating on town of Indian Head. Had meeting with Cong. Anthony Brown and his team and it focused on education at Velocity Center.

Carderock – Dr. Tim Arcano

- Working on the off-shore control cutter. Intentionally speeding up acquisition of innovation and incubation of technologies

Fort Detrick Alliance – Amanda Johnston

- Focus on tech transfer and workforce. Had 150 attendees at the Tech Show case with Frederick Innovation Technology Center, Inc. and DefTech event.

Army Alliance – Tom Albrow

- They are a 501(c)4 organization and are starting the legislative cycle.
- Number one issue is funding for the facility reduction program. Focus on resiliency and the environment.
- Second issue is workforce recruitment, development, and retention.
- Third issue is upgrades to IT infrastructure on the installation.

- Also very interested in the taxation relief on military retirement income study.

Fort Meade Alliance – Tim O’Ferrell

- \$3.6 million gifted to the Army for the Kuhn Hall Resiliency Center. On December 3rd the community will receive an award at Pentagon for this effort and will be recognized by the Army.
- December 3rd will also be the Ft. Meade small business conference.
- Mr. O’Ferrell briefed Georgia’s Education Department on the FMS SCOPE STEM education initiative.

Scott Sanders noted upcoming events on Veteran’s Day

- Salute to veterans at MD Veterans Museum on Nov 11th.

In conclusion, **Lisa Swoboda** spoke about the MMIC Workforce Committee. And thanked all attendees for their participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.